

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Office Action dated March 11, 2005. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for a timely review of the pending application and the Examiner's comments.

Claims 1, 2, 5 through 15, 18 through 20, 22, 23 and 25 through 51 are presently pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 14 and 22 have been amended in view of the comments provided in the Office Action dated March 11, 2005.

Claim 12 has been amended to correct for a typographical error.

Claims 3, 4, 16, 17, 21 and 24 have been canceled. The subject matter of these claims has been included in currently amended claims 1, 14 and 22.

New dependent claims 25 through 51 have been added to help further define the invention.

Support for new claims 25 through 27, 32 through 36 and 42 through 46 can be found at, for example, paragraphs 10, 17 and 18 of the specification.

Support for new claims 28 through 31, 37 through 41 and 47 through 51 can be found at, for example, paragraphs 25, 26, 53 and 54 of the specification.

No new subject matter has been added.

Amendment and/or cancellation of the claims is undertaken solely to expedite the prosecution of the pending application. The subject matter of original claims 1, 4, 14, and 17

may be pursued in a continuation application. Therefore, the subject matter of original claims 1 through 25 should not be prejudiced by the present amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 16 and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claims 1, 14 and 22 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 3, 16 and 24, thereby obviating the basis for this objection.

The Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for this observation.

Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4 through 15, 17 through 20, 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112,

First Paragraph

Claims 1, 2, 4 through 15, 17 through 20, 22 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Although the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the basis for this rejection, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 14 and 22 in view of the comments contained within the Office Action, thereby obviating the basis for this rejection.

It is in the Applicant's interest to amend the claims to comply with the suggestions provided within the Office Action. In view of the comments provided in the Office Action, it is believed that these amendments overcome the basis of the outstanding rejection.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of original claims 1 through 25 in one or more separate application(s). No prejudice should be inferred by this conciliation. Again, the amendments/cancellations are being made solely to expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Therefore, withdrawal and reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION


This application now stands in allowable form and reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. If a telephonic consultation would help to expedite the processing of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the attorney below at the Examiner's convenience.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$525.00 for the extra claims fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 04-1420 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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